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1. There is a strong (sic) Marine Infantry garrison with component artillery units located on the Island of Vis but, in addition and under a separate independent command, there is also a unit of coastal artillery known as the 3rd Fortified Unit. Headquarters for the 3rd Fortified Unit is located in a three-story building which is owned by a certain Dr. Bakulic and adjacent to the power station. The Military Post Number of this Command is 8822, Command Headquarters also includes a political commissar (a Major) and certain other unspecified officers and non-commissioned officers. The Unit is composed of from three to four groups.
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2. Command Headquarters for one of the groups of the Unit is in a small villa located 200 meters above the so-called "Porto Inglesi" in the town of Vis. Commanded by Captain Ante Plepel, a native from Sucurac. Headquarters for the group also includes Captain Peter Grbavac, a Navy officer and Political Commissar; the Adjutant (a lieutenant) and a few non-commissioned officers and soldiers acting as clerks. The group is composed of four batteries:

1 Battery - Specific location unknown.

2 Battery - Located south of Sveti Juraj Fort in a small house in the northwestern section of the port of Vis. Commanded by Lieutenant Ristic, the battery numbers approximately 50 men and is armed with mortars.

3 Battery - Located in the Sveti Juraj Fort itself and commanded by 2nd Lieutenant Petar Filipovic. The battery numbers approximately 80 men and is armed with four 80 mm. guns placed in the fort.

4 Battery - Also located in Sveti Juraj Fort. Battery officers include 2nd Lieutenant Mirko Rodic, Commander; Standard Bearer Batistin and a Platoon Chief named Kotevski. Four 66 mm. guns were assigned the Battery and placed in bunkers at 30 meter intervals around the fort.

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3. The bunkers are round with a diameter of from 3.5 to 4 meters. They extend 2.25 meters underground and their cement walls are 30 centimeters thick. On the bunker's side facing the sea there is a platform of fortified cement on which the cannon is placed. The barrel of the gun extends over the wall approximately 50 centimeters. From the platform two steps lead down to a corridor 80 centimeters wide. From this corridor two rooms on either side of the platform, 1 to 1.50 x 2 meters in dimension, can be reached. All bunkers are connected by a zigzag corridor and, in time of war, every bunker is to be provided with a telephone. No telephones are presently installed.
4. Soldiers are armed with bayonet rifles of Russian origin. Machine rifles are stamped "PPS". Eight heavy anti-aircraft machine guns are posted around the Sveti Juraj Fort and are handled by a special unit under direct group command. Group equipment also includes a signal light, approximately 60 centimeters in diameter, of German origin. The reflector has its own generator and Diesel motor and is located in a bunker approximately 15 meters distant from the fort.
5. The ammunition and armament depot is located in the Sveti Juraj Fort. Light guns, some anti-aircraft machine guns, light mortars and a considerable (sic) quantity of cases of ammunition have been observed in the depot.

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which previously reported on the Island of Vis.